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May 18, 2015

VIA REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Elizia M Trujillo, C.H.H.A. 93 Hazel Avenue Erial, NJ 08081

RE: I/M/O Elizia M Trujillo, C.H.H.A.

Consent Order

Dear Ms. Elizia M Trujillo:

Enclosed herewith please find a "filed" copy of the Consent Order ("Order") entered with regard to the above referenced matter. Please read this Order carefully, as you may be subject to additional discipline if you do not comply with the terms of the Order. If you have any questions please contact Deputy Attorney General Shirley Dickstein 973-648-2779.

Sincerely yours,

George Hebert, Executive Director,

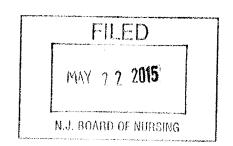
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Elizia M. Trujillo, C.H.H.A. Certificate No. 26NH10186900

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information that alleged Eliza M. Trujillo, C.H.H.A. ("Respondent") had abused a patient under her care by slapping the patient on the face and spraying the patient with Lysol. Colleen Swick, the Director of Operations of Respondent's employer, Life Choice Hospice, reported that two members of the Life Choice Hospice team viewed a videotape of the alleged incidents and positively identified Respondent as the CHHA who slapped and sprayed the patient. The videotape shows that Respondent slapped the patient on the face on October 25, 2012 and

sprayed the same patient directly over her body and face with Lysol on February, 18, 2013. Respondent was terminated from her position on October 14, 2014.

On January 6, 2015 the Board received a flagging notice that Respondent was arrested on that day by the Mount Laurel Township Police for N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(D), Assault on Elderly Person in connection with the conduct that was the subject of the complaint received by the Board.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting a crime in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), requiring revocation of her certification pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.3 and constituting professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). It appearing that Respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and the Board finding that the public health safety and welfare will be adequately protected:

IT IS ON THIS DAY OF May, 2015, HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey pending disposition of the criminal charges against her, successful completion of all criminal terms (if any) and until further Order of the Board.

- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide and/or practicing as a homemaker-home health aide, which includes, but is not limited to, performing nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse. Any practice in this State shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- 3. Within five days following the entry of this Order, Respondent shall surrender her original wall certificate, her wallet certificate, and the most recent renewal card to an authorized representative of the Board or mail these items to: Executive Director George Hebert, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 4. Prior to any application for restoration of her certification, Respondent shall appear before the Board or a committee thereof to discuss her readiness to reenter practice as a homemaker-home health aide. At that time Respondent shall be prepared to propose her plans for future practice in New Jersey and demonstrate that she is fit and competent to practice and has been rehabilitated to the Board's satisfaction.
- 5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the Respondent, nor prejudice her ability to defend against the criminal charges.

- 6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the practice of nursing in the State or any violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.
- 7. If Respondent's certification as a homemaker-home health aide is reinstated, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any conditions or restrictions on licensure it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- 8. Any violation of this order by Respondent shall constitute grounds for such proceedings as are permitted by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

President

I have read the within Order and understand it. I agree to be bound by its terms and hereby consent to it being entered by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

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Elizia M. Trujillo, C.H.H.A.

I consent to the form and entry of this Order

Richard West, Esq.

Attorney for Elizia Trujillo